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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DIALOGUE: PART II

1. IN UNUSUAL BURST OF CANDOR, EGYPTIAN PRESS JULY 13
REVEALS GOVERNMENT NOT ENJOYING UNIVERSAL SUPPORT FOR
PROPOSED POLITICAL CHANGES. FOR EXAMPLE, LABOR CONFEDER-
ATION DOCUMENT STRESSED NEED FOR SUPREMACY OF LAW, SE-
PARATION OF POWERS AND INDEPENDENCE OF JUDICIARY.
WORKERS ARGUED AGAINST INTRODUCTION OF ANY "SPECIAL
MEASURES." FINALLY, FEDERATION INSISTED TAX STRUCTURE
MUST BE AGAIN REVISED TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL JUSTICE (SOMETHING
THEORETICALLY DONE LAST MONTH FOLLOWING SADAT'S VETO).

2. MINISTERS. MINISTERS DN HUSTINGS FINDING THINGS NOT
GOING ALL THEIR WAY. MIN HOUSING AHMED TALAT IN HURGADA
WAS TOLD EXISTING PARTY LAW SHOULD BE CHANGED AND EGYPT
SHOULD RETURN TO ONE PARTY SYSTEM. MIN TRANSPORT NAIM
ABU TALEB, ON OTHER HAND, IN MENOUFIA HEARD DEMAND FOR
REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT THAT NEW PARTIES HAVE 20 DEPUTIES
IN PARLIAMENT AND WAS URGED ABANDON EFFORT DRAFT "CODE OF
ETHICS." MENOUFIA CONFERENCE ALSO CALLED FOR ABOLITION
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OF SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR.

3. COMMENT: CONFLICTING SIGNALS INDICATE SOME MINISTERS
AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC AND NEWSPAPERS LACK
GUIDANCE ON WHERE CURRENT DIALOGUE PROCESS IS SUPPOSED TO
LEAD. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MANY MINISTERS HAVE BEEN SUR-
PRISED AT DEPTH OF DISCONTENT AT GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE

THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN VISITS TO PROVINCES. EILTS

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